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ABSTRACT

Presented is a summary of a study made to identify existing two and four year Industrial Engineering Technology programs in the United States. A preliminary tabulation was made of the data procured and a model for identification was developed for discussion. A survey form was used and sent to 205 schools identified as possibly having such a curriculum. Ninety-one questionnaires were returned with 63 replies indicating the existence of such a program. A table is presented showing a summary of those schools that either had an AAS or BS program, or both. A copy of the letter sent, the survey questionnaire, and a bibliography are included. (EB)

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Abstract

A study was made to identify existing two and four year <u>Industrial Engineering Technology</u> programs in the United States. A <u>preliminary</u> tabulation was made of this data and a model for identification developed for discussion.

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INTRODUCTION

This paper was generated to form a basis for discussion at this year's rap session. The session was requested at the planning meeting last year to extend those disciplines previously covered to include the field of Industrial Engineering Technology.

After it was learned that this rap session would be scheduled, a study was initiated to locate those schools in the United States having an interest in <u>Industrial Engineering Technology</u>. The preliminary results of this study are included in this paper. Caution should be exercised in use of such data, since insufficient time was available to verify results.

PROBLEM OF IDENTIFICATION

It became evident in attempting to identify schools interested in Industrial Engineering Technology that a wide variety of programs existed. It was decided to identify only those programs within Engineering Technology curricula, rather than cover the broad spectrum including Industrial Engineering Science and Industrial Technology. Figures 1 and 2 illustrate a possible mode of identification.

A combination of theory and skill can be used in defining the nature of these programs and the level within each program area. Figure 2 specifically indicates various defined areas within the general engineering personnel spectrum.



Each disciplinary area has defined different regions on this map and a separate plane exists for each disciplinary area.

Figure 3 illustrates a set of planes, each identified to a nominal measurement.

Figure 4 illustrates a possible Industrial Engineering plane and is unique in the set of engineering spectrum planes. The areas of Industrial Technology, Engineering Technology, and Engineering Science most likely overlap and clear boundries do not exist. Engineering Technology generally occupies the central area of such a plane. Industrial Engineering Technology, then, is represented by the shaded area in Figure 4. Hopefully, further discussion may clarify more fully the identification of the area of Industrial Engineering Technology.

Within the definable area of Industrial Engineering Technology, both AAS and BS programs exist. Part of the study was to determine those schools providing these two programs.

SURVEY

In January, a survey form was sent to 205 schools identified as possibly having an Industrial Engineering Technology curriculum. The survey questionnaire was developed to determine the person responsible for that program at each institution. Ninety-one institutions returned the questionnaire with 63 replies indicating the existence of such a program at their institution and 28 replies indicating no such program.

Engineering Technology area and has developed guidelines for accreditation of such program, the question of ECPD accreditation was included. Out of the 63 schools responding, 21 indicated they had ECPD accreditation either of candidacy or of full accreditation. It seems certain that some schools were not fully aware of the ECPD accrediting activity, since this number exceeds that listed by ECPD in the area of Industrial Engineering Technology.

The questionnaire requested whether the AAS and/or BS degree was offered. Thirty schools indicated they offered the AAS degree program and 16 indicated they offered the BS program.

Table II provides a summary of those schools responding that either had a AAS or BS program, or both. The number of hours (HRS) is the number of semester hours listed by that school. In the case of schools having both the AAS and the BS program, the number indicates the hours required in the BS program. Replies from those schools indicating total number of quarter hours in a program were adjusted to indicate the equivalent number of semester hours. The remaining columns of Table I indicate requirement of:

- (a) Algebra and/or Trigonometry (AG-TG)
- (b) Calculus (CAL)
- (c) Statistics (STAT)
- (d) Finite Math (FNM)

A wide variation of response occurred to these questions.

The last part of the questionnaire requested information concerning the technical courses offered. The specific courses listed apparently followed closely actual curricula practice, since they received a heavy positive response (See Table II). Remaining courses, as write-ins, received a variety of response with Industrial Safety providing the most frequent response as a write-in course.

The data provided in this report is preliminary and was generated for discussion purposes only. It is hoped that the extent and quality of information available on Industrial Engineering Technology programs will expand in the future. Any suggestions you may have will be appreciated.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper was to provide materials for discussion and future development. An initial survey has been made and schools having Industrial Engineering Technology program identified. Caution should be exercised in the use of this data, since no feedback has been gained regarding accuracy of the materials collected. It is hoped that in the future, the project can be expanded and additional information collected regarding the Industrial Engineering Technology program. The motivation for such effort is to provide information to those schools offering curricula in this rapidly growing field of Industrial Engineering Technology.



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January 22, 1975

Dear Colleague:

We are attempting to determine those schools in the United States that have a program in <u>Industrial</u> Engineering Technology. If you have such a program either at the Associate or Bachelor level, please complete the attached survey questionnaire and return in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

The purpose of this survey is to determine the basic structure of existing Industrial Engineering Technology programs and to develop a listing of schools having such a program. We will compile these and return a copy of the full list to all schools reporting to the survey questionnaire. If interest warrants, we will try to arrange a gathering of program representatives at the forth-coming American Society of Engineering Education conference in Fort Collins, Colorado, in June 1975.

Sincerely,

William F. Schallert, P.E.

Chairman, Engineering Division

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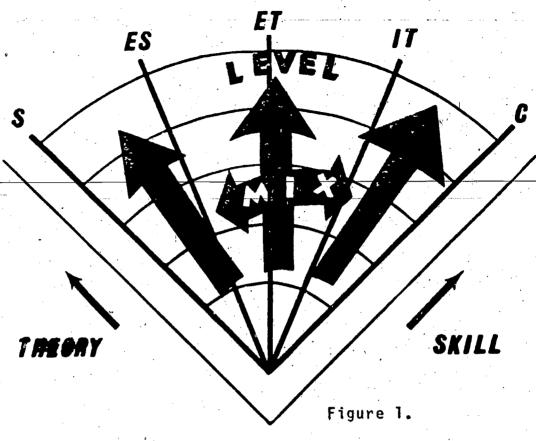
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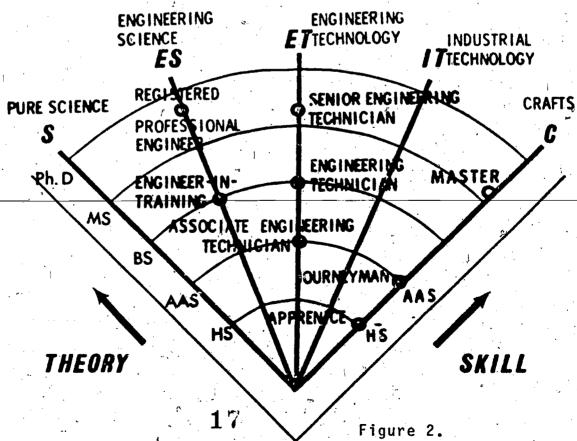
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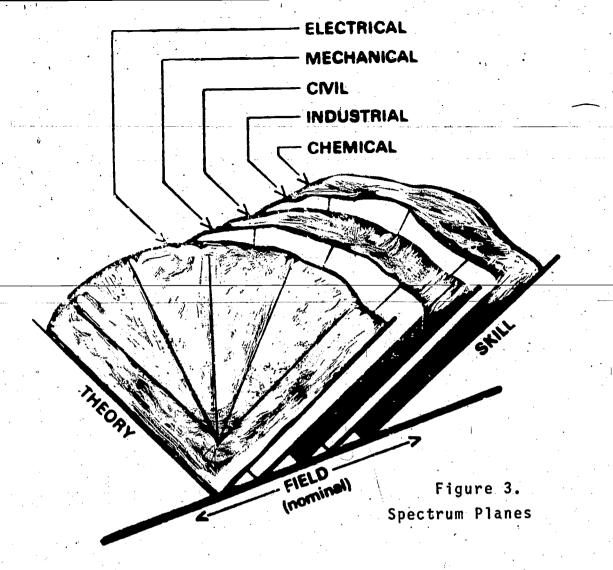


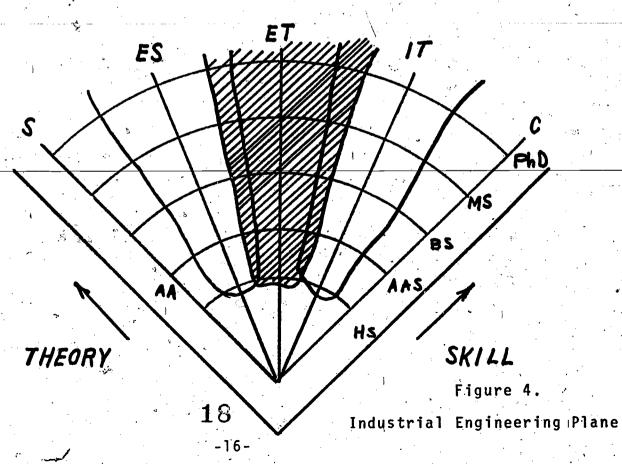
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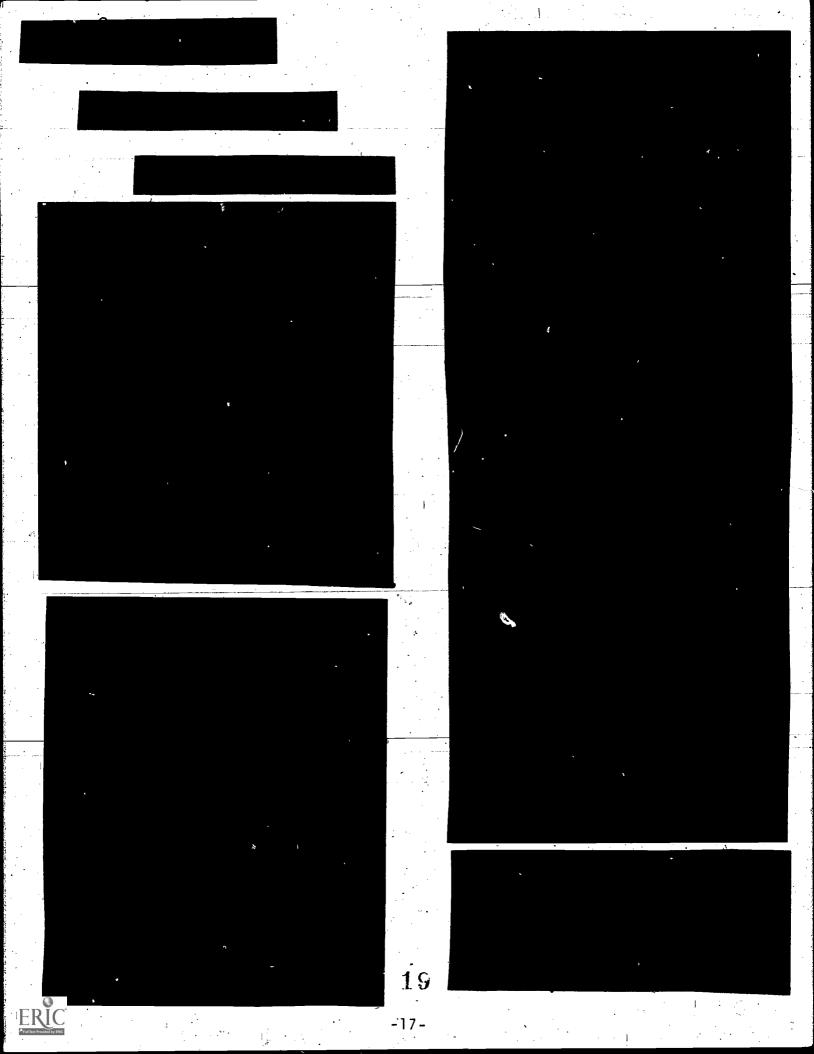








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